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Pursuant to a Unanimous Resolution at the Annual Shareholders Meeting of the Company at #1020, 833 - 4th Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alberta T2P 3T5 on Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, 1998, the Company has changed its name from "**Bright Star Ventures Corporation**" to "**Bright Star Metals Inc.**" effective August 11<sup>th</sup>, 1998.

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The Company has completed its Major Transaction as outlined in the Information Circular dated October 6, 1997 and approved by the shareholders on November 28, 1997. The Alberta Stock Exchange has issued a Bulletin dated April 24, 1998 stating that effective at the opening of business on Tuesday, April 28, 1998 the Company will no longer be considered a Junior Capital Pool Company for the purposes of The Alberta Stock Exchange. The shares of the Company will continue to trade on the Alberta Stock Exchange under the symbol: BHT.

Bright Star has engaged an independent geologist who is familiar with stratiform lead-zinc-silver mineralization in the East Kootenay region of British Columbia to work on the Vermont Project. He will work with the Company's main consultant MineQuest of Vancouver on the 1998 program.

The 1998 program will consist of geological work as well as mapping, soil sampling, line cutting, geophysical surveys, core drilling and assaying.

Mapping and the correlation of all known previous work is under-way. As soon as snow conditions permit, field work will commence.

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November 28, 1997

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Press Release No. 6

Bright Star Ventures Corporation announces that it has received unanimous shareholder approval of the Major Transaction of the Corporation referred to in the Information Circular dated October 6, 1997. The Annual and Special Meeting of the Shareholders of the Corporation was held at the offices of the Corporation on November 28, 1997.

The Major Transaction is the acquisition of 100% of the shares of Mountain Star Resources Ltd., whose major asset is its interest in the mineral rights, claims, mining leases and licenses relating to the Ruth Vermont, Flying Dutchman and VMT Claims located near Golden, B.C.

The Corporation now owns and controls a 100% working interest the Vermont project, which consists of 206 mineral claims and 13 mineral leases stretching 19 kilometres from the Crown Point mine to the north west to the Crystal Creek showings in the south east.

An extensive mapping, soil sampling, trenching and diamond drilling program is planned for the 1998 work season. The geological and exploration target is a Sedex shale-hosted base metal (lead/zinc/silver) deposit modelled after the Sullivan Mine orebody at Kimberly, B.C..

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### **SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING TO CONSIDER ACQUISITION OF RUTH VERMONT PROPERTY**

The management of Bright Star Ventures Corporation announces that it has received authorization from the Alberta Stock Exchange to call the special shareholders' meeting to approve the proposed major transaction of the corporation. Certain formalities still need to be complied with before the company's information circular is cleared for mailing to the company's shareholders.

The proposed major transaction of the company is the acquisition of 100% of the shares of Mountain Star Resources Ltd., whose major asset is its interest in the mineral rights, claims, mining leases and licenses relating to the Ruth Vermont Property, located near Golden, British Columbia.

The company announces that it has named November 28, 1997 as the date for the annual and special meeting, and October 24, 1997 as the record date.

The following information is taken from a report by Marcus J. Gidluck, who is an independent geologist hired by the company to review information relating to the Vermont Project and to make recommendations respecting the exploration of the Vermont Project. Further details will be contained in the information circular for the upcoming shareholder's meeting:

#### **MOUNTAIN STAR'S INTERESTS**

Mountain Star's Ruth Vermont Property is located approximately 30 kilometres south of Golden, British Columbia. The property consists of 206 mineral claims and 13 mining leases totalling 3,490 hectares. The mineral claims and leases are owned 100% by Mountain Star Resources Ltd.

Mountain Star owns a 100% working interest in the Vermont Project, which is located 30 kilometres south of Golden, BC in the northern Purcell Mountains. The Vermont Project





consists of 206 mineral claims and 13 mineral leases stretching 19 kilometres from (but not including) the Crown Point mine to the north west, to (and including) the Ruth Vermont mine and Crystal Creek showings in the south east. The extensive logging in the areas, the ease of access to highway and rail transportation routes and the proximity to the Trail smelter make this target a high priority for extensive exploration.

The property also includes the Ruth Vermont Mine. This vein and replacement deposit was sporadically mined from 1892 to 1981, with a total of approximately 150,000 tons of ore removed. A feasibility study in 1972 indicated that there were approximately 300,000 tons of mineable ore reserves grading 4.8% Pb, 5.6% Zn, and 6.6 oz/t Ag with good prospects of increasing these reserves.

### **History and Location**

The Vermont Project is a large block of mining claims in the Northern Purcell Mountains of British Columbia assembled under the company name of Mountain Star Resources Ltd. The area was prospected in the late 1800's for gold and then explored in later years for lead, zinc and silver.

The property is comprised of recent mineral claims and old mining leases covering an 18 km stretch of rugged mountain terrain approximately 30 km south of Golden B.C. The land is divided into three main claim groups, each with its own exploration and development history; the VMT Claim Group in the south, the Ruth-Vermont Claim Group in the middle and the BB Claim Group in the northern two-thirds of the land package.

At the turn of the century a small stamp mill was set up at the north end of the property to treat gold from a number of mining leases in the area. A reclaimed lead-zinc-silver mine, the Ruth-Vermont Mine, with a sporadic and largely unsuccessful production history, is situated in the southern part of the property. With the advent of exploration for sedimentary exhalative (Sedex) deposits in the 1970's, the property was subjected to several years of regional surveys for shale-hosted lead-zinc deposits. This resulted in detailed geological, geochemical and geophysical surveys in five areas on the property followed by several separate programs of exploratory diamond drilling in two of these areas. The Vermont Project still has considerable Sedex lead-zinc exploration potential as well as the opportunity to discover more gold-bearing quartz veins.

### **Geology**

The property is located on a northwest trending assemblage of Upper Proterozoic marine sedimentary rocks belonging to the Horsethief Creek Group in the Windermere Supergroup. It occupies the core of the Purcell Anticlinorium which is locally deformed by small scale isoclinal folding and faulting. Detail mapping by various workers indicates that most of the property is located in the "Grit Division" of the lower portion of the Horsethief Creek Group. Lithologically it is composed of a series of interbedded gritty sandstones, black shales, pyritic slates and phyllites, limestones and calcareous sandstones and shales.





## Mineralization

Approximately 35 drill holes and a number of trenches and surveys in separate programs, tested four showings of lead-zinc mineralization on the VMT Claim Group. The best of these is the LCP Zone; the most southerly showing on the property. Bedded galena and sphalerite produced grades of up to 3.43% Pb, 8.61% Zn and 3.39 oz/t Ag over a width of 14.5 ft. in one drill hole. This hole and four other similar drill and trench intersections at the same location appear to occur along the same stratigraphic interval, at the contact between black shales and an overlying tuffaceous schist. The LCP Zone is associated with a 500 m long Pb-Zn-Ag soil anomaly and is interpreted to occur on the eastern limb of a tight isoclinal syncline bounded on the north by a northwest trending fault.

A tentative structural model for this area has been constructed, however, more detailed mapping and a structural analysis is required in order to target the location of the permissive, lead-zinc bearing horizon for future drilling. Faulting may have caused considerable displacement to the mineralized horizon.

The Ruth-Vermont Mine dates back to the start of the century and since that time there has been a number of unsuccessful attempts to bring it into full production. In 1972 there were 291,384 tons of mineable ore reserves averaging 4.76% Pb, 5.65% Zn and 6.62 oz/t Ag with good prospects of increasing these reserves. A later study concluded that it would not be profitable to operate this mine when silver prices were below \$8.00 an ounce. The workings have since been shut in and the site reclaimed.

Mineralization occurs as two distinct types in this orebody; vertically dipping quartz veins with galena, sphalerite, pyrite and scheelite and replacement deposits (manto) of pyrite, sphalerite, galena and locally arsenopyrite in black limestone beds overlying argillite. The veins may have been conduits for the mineralizing fluids and the replacement bodies may be final sulphide depositional sites. Other workers speculate these replacement deposits occur at the same stratigraphic level as one of the bedded lead-zinc horizons on the BB claims to the north. They also feel that the stratabound lead-zinc mineralization at Ruth-Vermont is similar to mineralization found in major shale-hosted lead-zinc deposits in other parts of the world (Dickie and Longe-1982).

Recent underground drilling in 1996 at Ruth-Vermont produced a 5.6 ft intersection assaying 2.08 oz/t Au with disseminated pyrite and arsenopyrite in replacement type lead-zinc mineralization hosted by a limy argillite bed. Historically, only a very limited number of gold analyses were conducted on this deposit so the quantity and distribution of gold associated with the orebody is not known. It may be related to a nearby, so far undetected, vein or the gold may be a distal facies associated with the lead-zinc manto deposits. In either case more systematic testing for gold is warranted at this location as well as at other bedded lead-zinc showings found on the property.

Seven significant lead-zinc-silver showings with galena and sphalerite conformable to bedding have been discovered in the following three areas on the BB Claim Group; Malachite Creek, Decision Creek and Crown Point areas. Most of the detailed surveys were done in the Malachite Creek area where 3 of the showings were tested with 11 drill holes in 1983. The best of these





holes, at the Malachite Trenches showing, tested an IP anomaly coincident with the mineralization. It intersected an 18 cm vein of high grade massive sulphides assaying 16.4% Pb, 16.7% Zn and 15.9 oz/t Ag overlying a lower grade section of stratabound lead-zinc mineralization. To date none of the showings or drill holes on this claim group have produced economic grades over mineable thicknesses.

All the major lead-zinc mineralization on the BB Claim Group occurs at one of three stratigraphic levels, each at a contact between shale and an overlying limestone in the lower Grit Division of the Horsethief Creek Group. Due to repetition from folding a previous operator calculated there is as much as 73 km of these prospective horizons on the property. Only about half of this strike length had been prospected in 1982 leaving considerable exploration potential on the claims.

In addition to base metals, this claim group also has gold potential. Numerous auriferous quartz-carbonate veins on old mining leases are located both on and adjacent to the property. The veins have produced average grades as high as 0.76 oz/t Au from the Burns leases and 0.146 oz/t Au across a width of 2.2 ft from the Flying Dutchman leases. Apparently there has been no systematic exploration conducted for gold over this area since the turn of the century. As the gold bearing veins on both these leases have very similar characteristics, similar configuration and occur in the same host rocks, they provide the intervening and adjacent areas with considerable scope for the discovery of a more extensive gold system.

The Vermont Project property exhibits two principal requirements for shale hosted lead-zinc deposits; favourable lithologies of carbonaceous, iron rich, limy shales within a Proterozoic sedimentary sequence and the occurrence of numerous stratabound lead-zinc showings within these units. The presence of substantial thicknesses of bedded lead-zinc-silver "ore" at one of these stratigraphic levels in the Ruth-Vermont Mine, further strengthens the potential for finding an economic shale hosted lead-zinc deposit in this area. In addition, thin section work identified mafic volcanic alteration minerals in association with black shales and lead-zinc mineralization (Bottrill et al - 1983). This is another positive feature indicating alteration and sulphides may be diagenetic resulting from a sea-floor geothermal system associated with a Sedex environment.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS OF INDEPENDENT GEOLOGICAL CONSULTANT**

There is still exploration potential for the two principal commodity types of historic interest on this property, lead-zinc-silver and gold. The main lead-zinc-silver targets warranting further attention are; Sedex shale-hosted base metal deposits modelled after the Sullivan Mine orebody at Kimberly B.C. and additional manto replacement deposits similar to the Ruth-Vermont Mine. The latter deposit type may be genetically related to the former and hence the presence of bedded replacement mineralization at the Ruth-Vermont is thought to be one of the better indicators for potential Sedex deposits on the property.

The other commodity, gold, is also well worth looking for. Most of the early prospecting was for auriferous quartz-carbonate vein systems and the possible discovery of more gold is good, especially on the northern BB claims. Recent exploration has also encountered anomalous gold values (VMT and Decision Creek)





and even ore grade gold values (Ruth-Vermont) with bedded replacement type lead-zinc mineralization indicating a spatial if not genetic association of these two metals on the property. Future exploration for lead-zinc in this area should always keep the possibility of accompanying gold values in mind and ensure that all laboratory work includes gold in the analytical package.

Further exploration is warranted on this extensive land package both for shale-hosted lead-zinc deposits and gold vein systems. A two phase program is recommended involving an initial phase of detail mapping and prospecting in selected areas, namely the LCP Zone, Southern Ruth-Vermont claims and Decision Creek area, as well as more regional prospecting, mapping and soil geochem along approximately 35 km of strike length in the prospective shale units on the BB Claims. This work is estimated to cost approximately \$215,000.

A second phase of diamond drilling is recommended to test the results from the first phase. The program should commence in the LCP Zone area of the VMT claims (the thickest shale sequence and highest Sedex potential so far) where three holes should be targeted by projecting known mineralized beds based on structural modelling. Two holes should also be drilled on a southern extension of the LCP Zone and the lead-zinc-silver soil anomaly.

Finally two holes are proposed to be drilled from the surface at the Ruth-Vermont Mine to test for a deep Sedex source to the lead-zinc-silver manto mineralization. It is hoped these holes can bracket the 1996 gold intersection at the same time, however, if this is not possible two more short holes will be required to explore for additional gold intersections. The drilling program is estimated to cost \$385,000 and the total proposed budget for the first year of the Vermont Project is \$600,000.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## NEWS RELEASE

### THE VERMONT PROJECT

BRIGHT STAR VENTURES reports completion of the recent underground drilling at the former producer, the Ruth Vermont with the following gold intersections in DDH 96-3:

Interval (Feet)	Length (Feet)	Grade Gold (oz/ton)
54.8 - 60.4	5.6	2.08
Including: 56.6 - 58.6	2.0	4.06

This intersection occurs within lime-rich sediments with abundant disseminated sulphides, consisting of pyrite and arsenopyrite. The true width, extent and continuity of the gold zone, and whether it is related to a vertically dipping vein or to the more extensive "replacement" or bedded mineralization, for which the Ruth Vermont is known, has not been determined.

Underground diamond drill hole DDH 96-2 produced the following intersections with further assays pending:

Interval (Feet)	Length (Feet)	Zinc %	Lead %	Silver oz	Gold ppb
71.0 - 71.8	0.3	> 1.00%	> 1.00%	5.04	75
71.8 - 72.0	0.2	> 1.00%	0.90%	1.15	188
72.0 - 72.5	0.5	> 1.00%	0.91%	2.04	330
72.5 - 73.5	1.0	3.86%	2.72%	2.48	117
73.5 - 74.5	1.0	0.16%	0.19%	0.19	84
74.5 - 75.0	0.5	2.06%	1.74%	1.87	277
75.0 - 75.5	0.5	0.17%	0.21%	0.19	20

During previous work on the property (the mine closed in 1976) samples were routinely assayed for lead, zinc and silver, but not gold. Some 100,000 tons were mined, with a further 300,000 tons grading 5.4% zinc, 4.8% lead, 6.8 oz/ton silver remaining in situ.

The intersection announced above suggests that the content and distribution of gold within or close to the established tonnage needs further exploration.

For further information please contact Mr. Gordon Dixon, President.

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## **RUTH VERMONT UPDATE**

### **GEOPHYSICS**

The management of Bright Star Ventures Corporation report that a gravity survey was carried out using a Scintrex CG-3 Autogav gravity meter on the VMT claims during late August and early September 1996. The objective of this survey was to detect possible massive sulphide mineralization comprised of pyrite, galena and sphalerite. A total of 12 gravity stations and 5 soundings were obtained during this limited survey. The gravity method would indicate the presence of massive sulphides by the gravity high created by the excess mass associated with the more dense massive sulphides. The gravity survey was carried out by Frontier Geosciences Inc. under the direction of Zongyang Lui, Ph.D and Clifford E. Candy, P.Geo. The gravity survey conducted shows a broad low amplitude peak centred on a location described as 25S of the VMT claims. A rough estimate of the source depth of the more dense causative body, based on the width of the anomaly is estimated at approximately 200 metres.

A TEM survey was conducted on the VMT claims. A TEM survey is an inductive sounding method in which the magnetic field decay of a current circulating in the earth is measured. These measurements are proportional to the electrical resistivities of the earth's material and allow a model of the earth's resistivity layering to be interpreted. The electromagnetic method was proposed for the study as the presence of a massive body on which the sulphide grains are reasonably well interconnected would provide a good electrical resistivity contrast against the background resistivity levels in the host rocks. Although a very resistive layer of fairly uniform thickness was encountered, this layer was considered to be in the range expected of the rock types encountered on the property. Thus, the TEM survey results are considered by management to be inconclusive.

The Corporation intends to diamond drill the anomaly that has been geophysically identified during the 1997 working season.

### **DRILLING**

To the immediate north of the VMT property the company has conducted an underground drilling program in the old underground workings of the Ruth Vermont Mine. The underground drilling program commenced in early October 1996 and has now been completed. The first hole DDH-96-1 was drilled to a depth of over 1250 feet. The second hole DDH-96-2 was drilled to a depth of approximately 500 feet. The third hole DDH-96-3 was drilled to a depth of approximately 100 feet. All three holes encountered some mineralization. The cores, where appropriate, have been split or diamond sawed and approximately 60 assays for gold, silver, lead, zinc, etc. are underway. Assay results ought to be available within 10 days or so.

### **CORPORATE**

Bright Star has delivered its draft Information Circular and Property Evaluation to the Alberta Stock Exchange for review and comment. The Company hopes to convene the shareholders' meeting to approve the Major Transaction early in the new year.

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## PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 25, 1996

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The exploration program on the Vermont project south west of Golden, B.C. is progressing on schedule. All necessary permits have been obtained from the B.C. Government and the 6000 foot elevation portal on the Ruth Vermont mine has been reopened and the mine inspected and found to be in reasonable condition. The diamond drill rig, portable bridge, generators, camp and associated equipment are being moved onto the property. The drill rig will be moved underground and approximately six, 1000 foot holes will be drilled down the feeder vein system into the exploration target. Due to weather conditions in the mountainous terrain it is intended to drill 3 shifts a day. This preliminary drilling program should be completed by October 15, 1996 with results available soon thereafter.

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August 15, 1996

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Bright Star Ventures Corporation ("Bright Star") announces that it has entered into a letter agreement with Mountain Star Resources Ltd. ("Mountain Star") and the shareholders of Mountain Star to acquire 100% of the common shares of Mountain Star in exchange for 9 million common shares of Bright Star. Mountain Star would become a wholly owned subsidiary of Bright Star.

Bright Star is a junior capital pool company. Its shares are not yet trading on The Alberta Stock Exchange but are expected to do so on August 16, 1996. The acquisition of all of the shares of Mountain Star will constitute Bright Star's major transaction, subject to the approval of the shareholders of Bright Star and The Alberta Stock Exchange.

Mountain Star owns a 100% working interest in the Vermont Project, which is located 30 kilometres south of Golden, B.C. in the northern Purcell Mountains. The Vermont Project consists of 197 units of mineral claims and 8 units of mineral leases stretching 19 km from (but not including) the Crown Point mine to the north west, to (and including) the Ruth Vermont mine and Crystal Creek showings in the south east. The extensive logging in the area, the ease of access to highway and rail transportation routes and the proximity to the Trail smelter make this target a high priority for extensive exploration.

The Vermont Project hosts stratiform lead-zinc mineralization. The exploration strategy is to find the main zone of this mineralization, similar in genesis and size to Cominco's Sullivan Mine at Kimberly, B.C. The Sullivan Mine is the largest stratiform lead-zinc deposit in the world, with over 155 million tons grading 6.6% Pb and 5.9% Zn.

Work done on the property in 1983 by Samin Canada Inc. found on the Vermont Property a section of bedded lead, zinc and silver (4.43% Pb, 8.2% Zn, and 133.6g/tonne Ag over 0.5 m) within black shale. Evidence that a large shale hosted sedimentary lead zinc deposit may exist is seen in other areas on the property. On the southernmost VMT claims a 4.7 metre section of 3.4% Pb, 8.6% Zn, and 116.4 grams/tonne Ag in bedded sediments was intersected in drill core.

The property also includes the Ruth Vermont Mine. This vein and replacement deposit was sporadically mined from 1892 to 1981 with a total of 150,000 tonnes of ore removed. It is estimated that 300,000 tonnes of ore remain, grading 4.8% Pb, 5.6% Zn, and 6.9 oz/t Ag.

Work on the Vermont Project is to commence immediately. The work will be under the direction of Robert Longe, P. Eng., of Mine Quest Exploration Associates of Vancouver, B.C. The work will consist of geophysics and diamond drilling.

Management of Bright Star currently estimates the value of the Vermont Project to be approximately \$1,800,000. An independent valuation will be carried out in connection with the major transaction pursuant to the policies of The Alberta Stock Exchange to determine the final number of Bright Star shares to be issued, to a maximum of 9,000,000 Bright Star shares.

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